

our water system become contaminated with sewage from that source the city would hold the Board responsible."

DR. GRIFFIN, of Brantford, reports that during the half year 137 notices were sent to the free library requesting that books be not delivered to persons from infected houses, and that any books returned from such houses be withdrawn from circulation until they shall have been examined by the Medical Officer. Under this regulation fifty-six volumes were withdrawn from circulation. Of these, twenty-seven volumes were restored to circulation, it being clear from the known facts that they were not infected, and twenty-nine volumes were removed to the Health Office. Those of small value and which have been handled by patients with diphtheria and scarlet fever, it is proposed to destroy, others may be returned to the library after disinfection.

The milk supply of this city is furnished by twenty-five dairies, nearly all in the township. The number of cows reported July 1st, was 357, and the daily supply 2,277 quarts. All were inspected in March by the Sanitary Inspector, in company with Veterinary Surgeon Stewart, with fairly satisfactory results; several of them have been inspected a number of times during the summer and autumn. Samples from all the dairies have been tested twice and from several of them three or four times. The results of the earlier tests were to show the milk in the majority of cases poor. Later tests showed considerable improvement. It is intended, with the approval of the local Board, that the work of inspecting dairies, testing samples and publishing results shall be continued as frequently as possible, having regard to the labor involved and the limited time at the disposal of your executive officers. Milk is often the main dependence of the sick and the quality of it is most important. Dr. Griffin seems determined that the city milk supply shall be good; for which at least the sick and the little ones should be thankful.

The work done in sanitary inspection during the year was large and well done.

"The Inspector's books show that 1,207 house-to-house inspections have been made, exclusive of inspections of dairies, slaughter-houses, soap works, etc.; two or three times as great a number, in proportion to population, as have been made in any other city in Ontario.

DR. KEATING, of Guelph, reports as follows: "The inspection of milk and cow-byres during the year has been carried out, and has resulted, from what I can learn, in a marked improvement in the quality of the milk."

"During the past summer a great many complaints have been made with regard to the bad smell of the river owing to the water being used by the Electric Light Company causing the banks of the river to be exposed all day to the heat of the sun. The Sanitary Inspector was instructed by the Board to notify all parties running nuisances into the river to stop it at once, and in the event of his instructions not being carried out, to instruct the city solicitor to take action. The persons notified acted promptly. I also gave instructions to have the river cleaned from rubbish which had accumulated and no less than twenty-five dead animals were found in it. Since the cesspools have been shut off and the river cleaned, no complaints have been made."

DR. RYAL, of Hamilton, had been instructed to visit New York and Boston to enquire into their systems of milk inspection. He reports: In New York the inspection of milk is extensively carried out. Eight medical inspectors do daily duty; each of them being required to examine 200 samples and report weekly. One is detailed alternately for morning duty to inspect milk direct from the waggons. The Inspector is met at an appointed place by a policeman whose duty is to stop the waggons as they appear. The Inspector takes the sample from the vessel himself and examines the specific gravity with the New York Board of Health Lactometer; he then takes the temperature and corrects the specific gravity at 60 Fahrenheit. All milk which does not register 95 on this Lactometer, and which does not